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## YOUTH SERVICES - OUR FUTURE

## Ageing is not negotiable Growing old is optional

Alas the current situation appears to be destined for a long haul, effectively putting many face to face Youth activities on hold, however some, Young Photographer/Writer/Young Citizen, can be digitally managed. Both Isa Graham (Email: <a href="mailto:pixiegraham3@gmail.com">pixiegraham3@gmail.com</a>) Young Artist, and Robert Lovick Email: <a href="mailto:rlovick2000@btinternet.com">rlovick2000@btinternet.com</a> Youth Speaks, are exploring and developing virtual competitions.

We have received a number of enquiries from clubs, and partners for a number of activities, speak to John Hunting (Email: <a href="mailto:john.hunting@ntlworld.com">john.hunting@ntlworld.com</a>) Young Photographer, and/or Margaret Barwell (Email: <a href="mailto:maggie@talk21.com">maggie@talk21.com</a>) Young Writer.

However this is an opportunity to develop and explore new opportunities, new avenues, for make no mistake the same desires and needs are there, merely on hold.

This month following a virtual meeting with Police and Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore, and his colleagues, we yet again have his unswerving support not only for RYLA, but all activities concerning young people. Tim's view, is that if we involve young people, especially those from a more disadvantaged, non caring environment we improve society, and make his job so much easier. And offers his whole hearted patronage and endorsement of Club efforts.

Many clubs are zooming - a poor substitute for the real thing - but under the circumstances terrific - invite me, invite the leads to join you for a presentation/discussion/Q&A, a number have already been invited and it works.

**Christmas Toy Box** initiative to date 1080 clubs have pledged/paid sufficient money for in excess of 250 boxes, absolutely fantastic, difficult to beat success problems. Following a zoom meeting with KidsOut, RIBI and UK Rotary Districts, we are well up there with the best - do not forget these are children are in hiding living in fear of abusive parents. Are you aware of a registered, supervised Refuge not included?

**<u>Rotaract</u>** - have an interest? We need a lead in Cambridgeshire, Norfolk & Suffolk. Wish to have a chat? Know an interested non Rotarian? Whoever, whatever contact me.

<u>Finally the YOUTH SERVICES Booklet</u>, pleased to learn that it has been well received with a number of Clubs requesting additional copies, sadly all those printed have now been distributed to clubs. Why not download copies via <a href="https://www.rotaryeastanglia.co.uk/youth-services/">https://www.rotaryeastanglia.co.uk/youth-services/</a> or speak to me direct.

Success problems are so much easier to handle than failure problems.